

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1. - 11. (canceled).

12. (currently amended): A method for lowering postprandial blood glucose level and fasting blood glucose level without causing prolonged hypoglycemia, which comprises administrating to a type II human diabetic patient before meal 5 to 45 mg of mitiglinide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a hydrate thereof, as a single dose.

13. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 12 wherein the single dose is 5 to 22 mg.

14. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 12 wherein the single dose is 10 to 11 mg and the active ingredient is mitiglinide calcium salt hydrate.

Claims 15. - 23. (canceled).

24. (currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 12 wherein the type II diabetic patient is a human patient whose HbA_{1C} value is not less than 6.5% and the 1 hour or 2

hour value of postprandial plasma glucose is not less than 200 mg/dL even after more than 8-week diet therapy.

25. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 12, which comprises administering within 10 minutes before starting the meal.

26. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 13, which comprises administering within 10 minutes before starting the meal.

27. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 14, which comprises administering within 10 minutes before starting the meal.

28. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 24, which comprises administering within 10 minutes before starting the meal.

29. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 12, which comprises administering within 5 minutes before starting the meal.

30. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 13, which comprises administering within 10 minutes before starting the meal.

31. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 14, which comprises administering within 10 minutes before starting the meal.

32. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 24, which comprises administering within 10 minutes before starting the meal.

33. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 29, which comprises administering three times a day within 5 minutes before starting each meal for 4 weeks or more.

34. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 30, which comprises administering three times a day within 5 minutes before starting each meal for 4 weeks or more.

35. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 31, which comprises administering three times a day within 5 minutes before starting each meal for 4 weeks or more.

36. (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 32, which comprises administering three times a day within 5 minutes before starting each meal for 4 weeks or more.